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and whereas through the benevolence of God and the dedication of its people Nebraska has achieved notable success in education, culture and quality of life and whereas Nebraska takes its rightful place as a state, having great impact on the rest of the country and the world through the leadership in agriculture, business and communications of such great persons as Edward Creighton, now, therefore, I, Robert Kerrey, Governor of the State of Nebraska, do hereby proclaim the day of March 1, 1983, as Nebraska Statehood Day and urge all citizens to pay tribute to the contributions of great citizens from its past and rededicate themselves to hard work and creative thinking for solving the difficult problems which face us today. Will be signed by Governor Robert Kerrey.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, Acting Don McGinley. I now recognize the Secretary of State, Allen Beerman, for the message of Statehood Day.

SECRETARY OF STATE BEERMAN: Acting Governor, Mr. Speaker and my fellow Nebraskans, (Read Statehood Day message as found on pages 700-701 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: I recognize Betty Abbott for citations for the award winners. Betty Abbott.

BETTY ABBOTT: Mr. Speaker, State Senators, honorees, visitors and fellow Nebraskans, today marks the second recognition of that of three in which the Nebraskaland Foundation, with your participation, honors Nebraskans for outstanding contribution to their community, their state and their nation. Saturday evening we recognized Colonel Barney Oldfield with the second distinguished Nebraskalander Award and tomorrow is the dedicatory ceremony inducting Edward Creighton into the Hall of Fame. Today we will present the Trailblazer, Wagonmaster and Pioneer Awards to four of Nebraska's citizens on this, the hundred and sixteenth anniversary of Nebraska Statehood Day. During the second Statehood Day awards presentation we are honoring individuals who had the foresight and courage to build new paths to set examples of leadership and service to others in the spirit of the pioneers who laid the foundations for the quality of life, the Good Life, in this great state. Selection of the honorees has not been easy because there are many, many women and men who have helped make this a better Nebraska. Those we have chosen to honor on Statehood Day have set an example of the spirit inherent in the pioneer heritage that created new paths for others to follow and displayed unselfish leadership in their respective fields of endeavor. I do want to add before I proceed with the awards that on